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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Mathew A Rybicki et al.

Docket No. SIG99018

Title: A COMPUTER AUDIO SYSTEM

Date: 10/9/2000

To the Honorable Commissioner  
of Patents and Trademarks  
Box Patent Application  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**REQUEST FOR FILING A NATIONAL PATENT APPLICATION**

The applicants respectfully request that the above captioned patent application be accepted for examination. This patent application is a:

new patent application

continuation in part (CIP) of Application Serial No. [redacted] filed on [redacted]

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Accompanying this request is (as indicated by an "X" in the corresponding box):

- 1. 27 pages of specification, which includes the claims and abstract, and 6 sheets of formal drawings;
- 2. Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney;
- 3. An Information Disclosure Statement along with the references;
- 4. A petition to extend the response for a priority application identified above;
- 5. An assignment assigning all rights in the above referenced patent application to SigmaTel, Inc.;
- 6. An assignment recording cover sheet;
- 7. A verified statement establishing small entity status under 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.9 and 1.27;
- 8. A certificate of mailing indicating that the above captioned patent application has been deposited as "Express Mail" with the United States Postal Service;
- 9. A certificate of mailing indicating that the above captioned patent application has been deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail;
- 10. A return postcard; and
- 11. A preliminary amendment.

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				TOTAL FILING FEE	605.00

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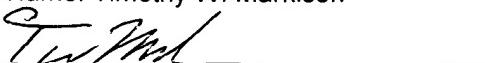
STATEMENT OF STATUS AS SMALL ENTITY  
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. Section 1.27 and Section 1.9

For the above captioned patent application, a party in interest avers that it qualifies for small entity status as SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN. To verify the small entity status, the party in interest attests that:

1. This verified statement for the above captioned patent application or patent is being submitted prior to or with the first fee paid as a small entity;
2. For purposes of this verified statement, as defined in 37 C.F.R. Section 1.27, a license to a Federal agency resulting from a funding agreement with that agency pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 202 (c) (4) does not constitute a license.
3. As a SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN:  
(a) I swear that I am an official of SigmaTel, Inc., empowered to act on behalf of SigmaTel, Inc.,  
(b) In my capacity as identified in this section 3(a), I swear that SigmaTel, Inc. qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 37 C.F.R Section 1.9 and that the number of employees of SigmaTel, Inc. and those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons;  
(c) I further swear that my signature appears at the end of this Statement of Status as Small Entity;  
(d) I still further swear that, in support of my contention that SigmaTel, Inc. qualifies as a small business concern, exclusive rights to the invention of the above captioned patent application have been conveyed to and remain with SigmaTel, Inc.,

Signatures of Person(s) Making the Verified Statement

SigmaTel, Inc. (Customer No:000024263)  
Name: Timothy W. Markison

  
Signature

Title: General Counsel

  
Date

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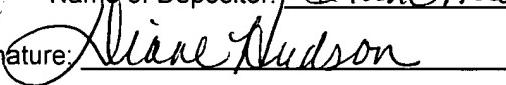
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